

ABSTRACT

A tool for opening pull-tab type of metal containers is disclosed. The typical pull-tab type of metal container is cylindrical and has a circular, recessed top with a weakened separation line about its periphery. A metal pull tab which has an integral loop is riveted to the top and the user bends the loop up sufficiently to grasp and pull the loop, separating the top from the container. The opening tool has a shaft terminating at its working end with an elongated blade which has an open, longitudinal slot forming two longitudinal segments. One segment extends beyond the open slot and terminates in a flat blade which is preferably tapered. The tool is used by inserting the tapered blade tip beneath the loop of the pull tab to raise the loop sufficiently to permit the open-ended slot of the tool blade to be slipped over the loop. Once the loop is received within the slot, the user simply rotates the tool shaft about its axis to peel the top from the container.